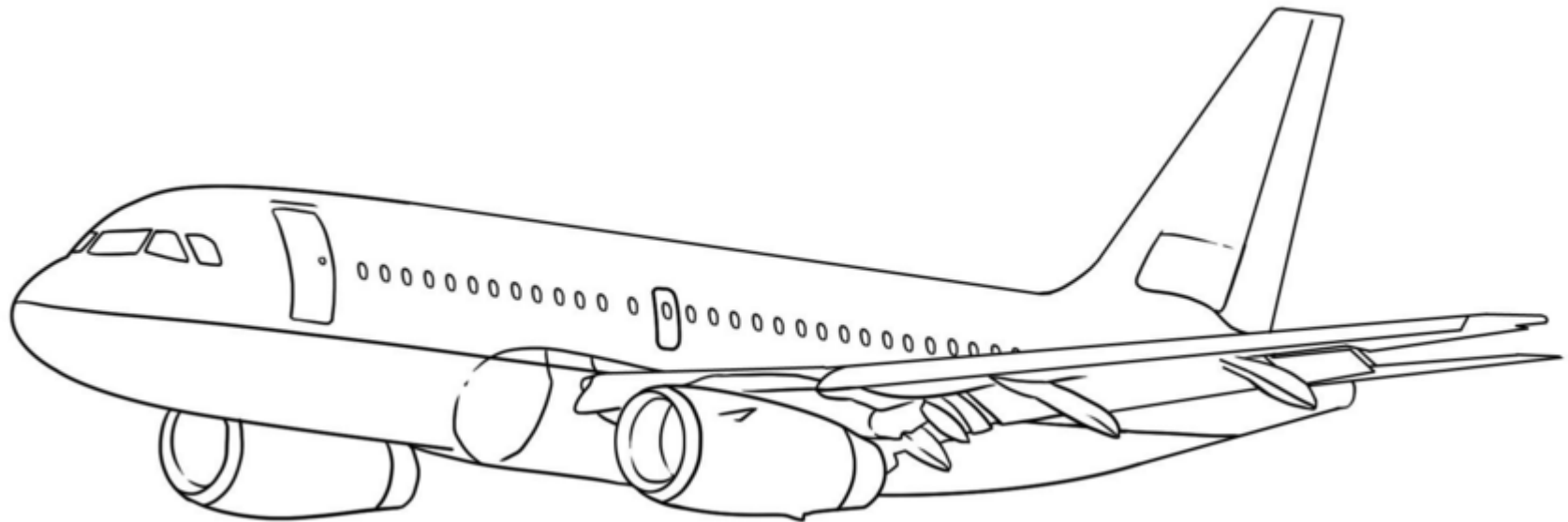


It is all about **biodiversity**



**the variety of life in the world or  
in a particular habitat or ecosystem.**

**Imagine if you can**



**The rivets of an airplane  
are like the biodiversity of our planet  
they hold everything together**

# Secretariat of the Convention of Biological Diversity



**Montreal; a moral responsibility  
to all future generations**

# Mayor Coderre and I quote

“Sustainable development is made up of two words and one of them is **development**”



**It appears as though development is more important than the environment**

# **Richard Bergeron** **in a response to Mayor Paola Hawa**

**There is so little natural  
space left on the island that  
everything that is natural must  
remain natural  
Nov 7, 2014**



# Biodiversity by the numbers

## A broken promise

- **CBD demands 17 percent**
- **CMM promises 17 percent**
- Montreal: 5.6 % with a promise of 10 % \*
- Laval: 0.67 % with a promise of 14 % \*\*
- North Shore 8.3 % \*\*
- South Shore 3.66 % \*\*
- **Only Longueuil will reach the target**
- [http://www.mdelcc.gouv.qc.ca/biodiversite/aires\\_protegees/registre/carte-aires-protegees.htm](http://www.mdelcc.gouv.qc.ca/biodiversite/aires_protegees/registre/carte-aires-protegees.htm)





## What kinds of flood maps are available in Montreal?

Montreal's flood maps include very little data that is up-to-date and useful.

The only maps that are current cover the Lake of Two Mountains and the Mille Îles River between Laval and the North Shore.

Flood information websites for both **the City of Montreal** and the **Quebec government** offer printable maps in PDF format for much of the Ottawa and St. Lawrence rivers.

There are no flood maps for most of Montreal's shoreline.



Flood maps for the Lake of Two Mountains and the Mille Îles River were the only ones made with new data in 2006. For the Rivière des Prairies, the flood maps were made in the 80s and are no longer fit for planning. (Sources: Centre d'expertise hydrique du Québec and Google Maps)

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/flood-maps-montreal-1.4113148>

# **My request to you**

**Based on the rare and endangered biodiversity found in this area**  
**Based on Montreal's commitment to the Secretariat of the CBD**  
**Based on Montreal's moral obligation to the youth of the world**  
**Based on Montreal's obligation to all future generations**  
**Based on Montreal's poor ranking in protected natural spaces in Canada**  
**Based on Montreal's commitment in Paris to reduce GhG**  
**Based on recent events in Pierrefonds West and to avoid future floods**  
**in the proposed development**

**I ask that you make the recommendation that the proposed project be rejected and that 100 percent of the land in question be protected in perpetuity as Montreal's largest and most important natural space.**

**To much is given, much is requested**